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SUBJECT: UAE NAVAL AND RELATED REQUIREMENTS

REF: ABU DHABI 411

1. DURING AMB. DICKMAN'S RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH NEA, WE BRIEFLY BROACHED SUBJECT OF UAE NAVAL AND COASTAL PATROL REQUIREMENTS. NO CONCLUSIONS WERE REACHED. IT MIGHT BE USEFUL AT THIS JUNCTURE TO REVIEW BIDDING WITH VIEW TOWARD CLEANING UP SOME OF THE MC LICENSE APPLICATIONS AND INQUIRIES NOW ON HAND.

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2. REFTTEL PROVIDED INFORMAL LIST OF UAE INTERIOR MINISTRY PATROL BOAT REQUIREMENTS FOR COAST GUARD AND INDICATED SEPARATE AND ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS BEING DEVELOPED BY MOD. SEVERAL US FIRMS ARE AWARE OF VARIOUS FACETS OF REQUIREMENTS AND HAVE GENERATED LICENSE APPLICATIONS TO DEPARTMENT. TWO APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FAVORABLE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE, AS FOLLOWS:

A. IN APRIL 1977, SWIFTSHIPS APPLIED FOR LICENSE TO SELL TWO 65-FOOT PATROL BOATS TO DUBAI POLICE FOR ULTIMATE USE BY COAST GUARD. APPLICATION, VALUED AT \$1.2 MILLION APPROVED BASED ON EMBASSY'S FAVORABLE RESPONSE LAST MAY.

B. IN JUNE, LOCKHEED SOUGHT ADVISORY ON PROPOSED SALE OF SHARPSHOOTER MK3 FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM FOR INSTALLATION ON UAE PATROL CRAFT. DEPT RESPONDED FAVORABLY ON BASIS OF SYSTEM'S APPLICABILITY TO 20/40MM GUNS AND ITS ROUTINE TECHNOLOGY.

3. OTHER CASES STILL PENDING:

A. IN MAY, BELL AEROSPACE REQUESTED ADVISORY ON SALE OF MILITARIZED AIR CUSHION VEHICLES INCLUDING BOTH MISSILES AND GUNS UP TO 40MM. REQUEST BEING HELD ON BASIS RESERVATIONS CONCERNING SALE OF MISSILE CAPABILITY UNDER RESTRICTIONS OF LOWER GULF ARMS POLICY.

B. HARTER MARINE SERVICES ASKED FOR AN ADVISORY ON SALE OF SIX 150-FOOT PATROL BOATS FOR UAE NAVY. SPECS INCLUDED BOTH ITALIAN OTOMAT MISSILES AND 40/76MM GUNS. EMBASSY RESPONSE WAS ONE OF RELUCTANCE TO SUPPORT REQUEST IN VIEW OF LOWER GULF POLICY.

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4. WE ARE INCLINED TO APPROVE CASES WHERE PROPOSALS ENCOMPASS PATROL CRAFT FOR UAE NAVY AND COAST GUARD CONFIGURED NEITHER FOR GUNS LARGER THAN 40MM NOR FOR MISSILES OF ANY KIND AND DENY THE OTHERS. REQUEST YOUR VIEWS. VANCE

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